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Subject: QRP-L digest 952

QRP-L Digest 952

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<larsennnc@alaska.net>
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38) [33743] Pixie/40-9er results
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39) [33744] Clubs Doing Pixie Contest
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40) [33745] Pixie/49er Last Evening
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41) [33746] Info
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42) [33747] Pixie-2 Construction

by N8mgu <N8mgu@aol.com>

43) [33748] Re: Info
by george fremin iii <geoiiii@bga.com>

44) [33749] LOL Got'em thanks.
by jayboy@empnet.com (Jay & Jackie)

45) [33750] Laptop help wanted
by Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>

46) [33751] Headsup--17M open to EU
by "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>

47) [33752] Re: LOL Got'em thanks.
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>

48) [33753] Re: Pixie/40-9er Test
by Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>

49) [33754] 80 Mtrs, 40 Mtrs and Swamps
by nq2rp@juno.com (B/BAMS Club Station)

50) [33755] Re: NQ2RP Pixie/40-9er Log: Friday Nite
by nq2rp@juno.com (B/BAMS Club Station)

51) [33756] Re: Laptop help wanted
by Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>

52) [33757] Houston QRP Club Meeting - January 17, 1998
by Ed Manuel <n5em@flash.net>

53) [33758] New Year's Resolutions
by "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>

54) [33759] FOX: KA8OKH Log
by "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>

55) [33760] Re: BATTERY PACKS AND AIRLINES???

by KB9RPD <KB9RPD@aol.com>

56) [33761] Sidetone for- SMiTe
by Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>

57) [33762] Re: Beginners and QRP
by KB9RPD <KB9RPD@aol.com>

58) [33763] So who is KL7Ms friend?
by David Adams <adamsclan@netgate.net>

59) [33764] Homebrew antennas
by KB9RPD <KB9RPD@aol.com>

60) [33765] Re: So who is KL7Ms friend?
by "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy (KL7NY), Juliann (WL7MP) & Issei"
<larsennnc@alaska.net>

61) [33766] Re: Laptop help wanted
by Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>

62) [33767] WQ4RP Pixie Contest Schedule
by Randy Hargenrader <randyh@harksystems.com>

63) [33768] Intelligent transceiver
by "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>

64) [33769] RE: QRP as a start
by "LLOYD DEEM" <WH6CDU@classic.msn.com>

65) [33770] Pixie/49er contest -- rough going last night :-(
by "John L. Carter" <jakecart@ix.netcom.com>

- 66) [33771] Re: Beginners and QRP
by "Frank A. West" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>
- 67) [33772] Scope sources.
by Thom <thom@li.net>
- 68) [33773] Re: Scope sources.
by Stephen Trier <sct@po.cwru.edu>
- 69) [33774] Re: Beginners and QRP
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 70) [33775] Misc. Projects
by n4js@pobox.com (John Sielke)
- 71) [33776] Worked All Clubs
by ki7mn@dancris.com
- 72) [33777] Amazing QRP Opening to Europe
by Jim/N0UR <LAGESON@worldnet.att.net>
- 73) [33778] RAC contest
by Ronald Hands <rhands@hwcen.org>
- 74) [33779] Pixie WQ4RP Fri Results
by Paul Stroud <aa4xx@ipass.net>
- 75) [33780] re: KA80KH Fox logs
by "Rich Dailey, KA80KH" <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 19:05:59 -0500
From: "Kevin F. Glynn" <kfglynn@prodigy.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33706] Embedded Research's website address?
Message-ID: <199712270004.TAA66130@mail1y-int.prodigy.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi gang,

Does anyone know Embedded Research's new webpage? (well at least new to me. I've probably been asleep at the wheel).

Thanks and Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings.

72 Kevin N2TO
Brooklyn, NYC
kfglynn@prodigy.net

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 19:53:31 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:nq2rp@juno.com" <nq2rp@juno.com>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33707] Pixies, 40-9er's and the Rest of the World
Message-ID: <199712261955_MC2-2D3E-2773@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Keith:

Well I will be hoping for a card, etc. Rig will be a Collins S-Line at a full KW to a 9-element Yagi on 40 Metres on a 185-foot Rohn Tower. Also have available a Full-Wave Delta Loop on a 30-foot boom at the 150-foot level.

->BACKUP rig will be either a Pixie-II on 40 or a 49er in an Altoids Tin.

Good luck, and hope to see you soon. BTW QRPp *does* work, as I snagged a FOX recently with a 49er at 50 mw.

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqc 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
nj-qrp 69 ak/qrp 139 AR QRP 73 ARCI 9398 ARRL QRP WAS 44/42
DXCC 73/44 Grid EN34 <>< FOX Total 12/24/97 = 21. The FOX 11/25/97.

Omni V Corsair I Yaesu 900AT Sierra Norcal 40a SW-40 49er
Mercury Paddles Emtech ZM-1 MFJ 259 MFJ 941D GAP TNT/2 Windom
SLV/W6MMA G5RV Timewave 599zx Autek QF-1 RS DSP-40

"Things should be as simple as possible, but no simpler"--A. Einstein

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 19:53:36 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:aa4xx@ipass.net" <aa4xx@ipass.net>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [33708] Pixie/49'er Contest -WQ4RP
Message-ID: <199712261955_MC2-2D3E-2774@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Disposition: inline

Paul et.al.:

Well I will be in there, hoping for a few QSO's. Setup will be a Collins S-Lind at a Full KW into a 9-element Yagi for 40 Metres on a 185-foot Rohn Tower. Backup antenna will be a Full-wave Delta loop on a 30-foot boom at the 150-foot level.

->BACKUP rig will be either a Pixie-II for 40, or a 49er in an Altoids tin.

Good luck, everyone!

72/73,

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Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 19:53:17 -0500

From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>

To: "INTERNET:randyh@harksystems.com" <randyh@harksystems.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>,

"Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>

Subject: [33709] Pixie Contest Correction

Message-ID: <199712261955_MC2-2D3E-2770@compuserve.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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Randy:

Just because of all your endless mistakes <VBG> I simply *must* get into the contest. Rig will be Collins S-Line at full KW to a 9-element Yagi for 40 Metres, on a 185-foot Rohn Tower. Also have available a full-size Delta Loop on a 30-foot boom at the 150-foot level.

->Backup rig will be a Pixie-II and/or Norcal 40A to a TNT/2 Window :-).

Good luck one and all... Happy Holidays!

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqz 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
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Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 20:11:35 -0800
From: Randy Hargenrader <randyh@harksystems.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33710] Clubs doing Pixie Contest
Message-ID: <34A47FF7.C5273CA@harksystems.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

So far the list of confirmed clubs running stations during the
Pixie/49er contest are:

NQ2RP

K8QR

W8FT

NF2AR

WQ6RP

WQ4RP

Be sure to keep a look out for them! They give ya multipliers!!!

Clubs will sign /C at the end of their calls.

Thanks to the club stations for their participation!

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73, Randy WJ4P

Knightlites QRP-L #296

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 17:51:22 -0800
From: Rich Wilkerson <richqrp@home.com>

To: n7kt@earthlink.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33711] Re: N0EL Op
Message-ID: <34A45F1A.4CA76E46@home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Roger Hightower wrote:

>
> Ron, VE3SP pointed out an error in my posting. I will be on as N0EL
> 12/27/97 at 0200Z...That's FRIDAY evening local time.
>
> Can't check the original posting, because my machine crashed and I've
> had to reformat/reload stuff.
>
> Friday, Not Christmas Day.
> --
> 72/73, de Roger, N7KT

What frequency please

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Happy Holidays

Rich Wilkerson / WD6FDD / Santee, CA.

73's & 72's

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 02:12:12 GMT
From: n4js@pobox.com (John Sielke)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33712] Web Page
Message-ID: <34ab62ae.14767958@mail.cyberenet.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Well, made some updates to my web page. Finally got an up-to-date shot of the shack, as well as my "rearranged" QRP stuff. (I put the HW7, HW8 and HW9 into the big box, and moved the Argo 505.)=20

BTW, I recently purchased this HW7, from K5ZTY. It looks like brand new! Absolutely mint. Puts out more than I expected, too. (About 2 watts on 40 and 20, 1.5 on 15). Receiver is typical HW7, unusable at night due to the SW BCST feedthrough. I did make some QSOs during the day on 20, however, with good reports. I am very pleased with it, as a

"collector condition" HW7.

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/ \ / \ / \ / \ John L. Sielke n4js@pobox.com n4js@qsl.net
(N)(4)(J)(S) NJ Grid:FM29LN <http://www.qsl.net/n4js>
_/__/__ NJ-QRP #57 QRP-L #884 QRP-ARCI ARQrp #86
G-QRP #9544 NorCal #1989 CQC AKQRP QCWA FISTS #2781

Date: 26 Dec 1997 19:25:26 -0700
From: K0su@kktv.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33713] Thanks Argonaut 505 vs 509
Message-ID: <199712270220.VAA119114@nss4.cc.Lehigh.EDU>

Thanks to everyone who responded to my request for info on these rigs.
There was a 509 under the Christmas tree for me this year. In great
shape. Looking forward to working many of you with it.

73 & Happy New Year,
Rick
K0SU
Colorado Springs, CO
CQC #100 -- QRP-L #539
www.qsl.net/k0su

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 02:37:20 +0000
From: Bob Roach <KE4QOK@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33714] QSLing Newbie Question from an Old Guy
Message-ID: <19971227023718.AAA12420@LOCALNAME>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hello all,

Hope everyone is have a wonderful holiday.

Now for the question. I am catching up on about a years worth of QSLing and
for the first time will be sending some cards out of the country to QSL
managers. I know that the postage must be purchased at the other end and

intend to include a "greenstamp" to cover it. The question is , do I include an addressed envelope or is that part of what I get for my "greenstamp".

I would appreciate any other tips on direct QSLing of DX stations as I have a few that I won't want to wait a long time for.

73 and Happy Holidays to all
Bob
KE4QOK

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 18:43:57 -0800 (PST)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: Bob Roach <KE4QOK@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33715] Re: QSLing Newbie Question from an Old Guy
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971226184228.1038B-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Bob,

I always include an SAE with the green stamp. And also be SURE that the country your are sending it too can have greenstamps!

If they can't use IRC's.

cul,

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 20:56:09 -0600
From: Mike Martin <mmartin@internetni.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33716] WTB Scout or Argosy
Message-ID: <34A46E49.596A2BFC@internetni.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, it sounds like some of you got the QRP rigs that you wanted.

I got an MFJ 422C keyer/paddle combo for Christmas, so I have to start using cw again!

Anyway, I still haven't found a decent qrp rig that I can afford. I'm still looking for a used Ten-Tec Scout or Argosy.

If anyone has one of these rigs for sale (at a reasonable price!), please let me know.

Mike KA9LYY

PS. I enjoy "listening to the 40 meter foxhunts from here in Northwestern Illinois.

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 20:33:47 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33717] N0EL Op
Message-ID: <34A414AB.4EDB5E19@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, that was fun. Not quite like being the Fox, but it was nice to contact so many Listers in one evening.

Not going to bore anyone with the entire log, but if you're one of those who contacted N0EL and want a QSL, pse send yours to the callbook address for that call or to me....they are the same.

KB0ROL, Brad, was early in the list, and condx were terrible but we managed to get it done. About 30 minutes later the band opened to C0 and things were much better.

K0EVZ, Doc, made it twice, once with his 49'er....nice signal there. If he sounds that good at the mw level, it's no wonder he can punch through the pileups with his regular rig.

Thanks to all for the contacts. I'll be looking for your cards for the

club collection.

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT (Trustee for N0EL)

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 22:39:43 -0500 (EST)
From: "Ralph L. Irons" <rli8m@weyl.math.virginia.edu>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33718] WM-2 found in VA stocking!
Message-ID: <Pine.A32.3.93.971226223812.47000B-100000@weyl.math.Virginia.EDU>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Santa brought an Oak Hills Research WM-2 QRP Wattmeter kit, and as soon as I finished helping my kids get THEIR presents running, THIS kid switched on the soldering station.

The kit was complete except for the stick-on cabinet feet. The manual is truly step-by-step, e.g.

() Install the 100 ohm (brn-blk-brn-gld) resistor at R13.

The PCB is very clearly silkscreened and not overcrowded. Building the WM-2 is straightforward and enjoyable. However there are no opportunities to test the wattmeter as you build, nor are there any troubleshooting hints. The first test of the wattmeter occurs after the PCB and chassis wiring are both complete. If the test is not successful, connections to the SO-239s would have to be unsoldered and the PCB and controls detached from the chassis to give access to the underside of the board. Thus it is very important to heed the manual when it says, upon completion of the PCB wiring, to "take the time now to inspect the PC board for proper solder connections and for any solder bridges. DO NOT skip this step. It may save you some frustration later."

The wattmeter case is the clamshell type, with a sturdy cover, but no bracing joining the tops of the front and rear panels. The meter is large and easy to read, though there are few tick marks on the three meter scales. For example, the 100 mW scale has marks only at the following values: 0, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 70 and 100 mW. Now this is fine with me -- I don't need readings any more accurate than these. Yet the manual claims a plus or minus 5% full scale accuracy. That's 5 mW on the 100 mW scale. I'd be hard pressed to tell the difference between 80 and 85 mW on the scale, since there are no marks of any kind between 70 and 100 mW. This is a minor point. I'm delighted to have an instrument which can distinguish between 50 and 70 mW!

Rf connectors are Amphenol SO-239s, and a slide switch on the back panel lets you select the internal 9V battery or an external supply (9-13.6V). The external power connector is coaxial, and a cable with connector is supplied with the kit. One of the two small knobs on the front panel allows switching between forward and reflected power (dip reflected power to minimize SWR), and the other turns the unit on and selects the 10W, 1W or 100mW range.

Alignment is very simple and requires only a voltmeter capable of measuring three test voltages (one for each meter range): 2.56 V, .800 V and .251 V. The manual recommends a digital voltmeter, but I used my analog voltmeter. I doubt that my readings on the sparsely marked WM-2 scale will be much affected by the fact that I used .25 V instead of .251 V.

I was delighted to be able to actually measure the output of my 2n2222 DSB transmitter, and tweak the output transformer for a 50 ohm match. Turns out I've been operating QRPp phone on 40 m (at roughly 850 mW), while racking up NY, NJ, WVA, KY, GA, FL, PA and NH. One guy in NY actually swore I was 10 db over 9. I'm betting that our antennas are directly connected by a gigantic poison ivy vine.

Also, I discovered I've been checking into the KnightLites net at 2 W instead of 5 W (a rough guess made using the barely wiggling needle on my 3 KW MFJ tuner), and that my Centennial is running 3 - 4 W on peaks on 80 m. I'd been CLAIMING to be QRP, but I didn't really know just how QRP I was!

72, Ralph N7RI
Charlottesville VA

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 22:40:43 EST
From: nq2rp@juno.com (B/BAMS Club Station)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33719] NQ2RP Pixie/40-9er Log: Friday Nite
Message-ID: <19971226.223838.4727.0.nq2rp@juno.com>

Here's the log for Friday Nite (0100 - 0300Z, 27 December, 1997)

Call - NQ2RP/C
Operator - Keith, WB2VUO

Frequency - 3.686 KHz(+/-)
Rig - Ten Tec Triton IV @ 4 watts
Antenna - 80M/40M Inverted Vee up 40 ft
Report - (RST) NY TT KEITH

TIME	STATION	WRKD	RPT	S/P/C	RIG	NAME	RST	SENT	PTS
0100	WJ4P		579	SC	89	RANDY	539		2
0103	WB4OFT		579	NC	HB	JOHN	559		0
0106	WF4I/QRP		559	NC	SA	DEREK	579		0
0122	AB4PP/QRP		579	NC	KW	JOHN	439		0
0143	K3WWP		339	PA	HB	JOHN	539		0
0155	WA1QVM		599	MA	IL	JOEL	599		0
0159	AE4IC		339	NC	PX	BOB	559		2
0213	WQ4RP		549	NC	SA	PAUL	569		0
0223	N9DD/QRP		579	IN	KW	TOM	559		0

Total Points for the first nite (If I understand the scoring) was 4 POINTS!

Now, can the same stations work us again tomorrow nite?

Inquiring minds, and all that...

72/73, Keith, WB2VU0 at the keys at B/BAMS
NQ2RP - QRP-L # 1294,
Byron/Bergen Amateur Microwaves System Club Station
Listen for our 10 Mtr Milliwatting Beacon: 125 mW @ 28.287 MHz
"Our night light runs more power than our Rig!!!"

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 22:39:49 -0500
From: "Bob Kellogg" <ae4ic@nr.infi.net>
To: "Randy Hargenrader" <randyh@harksystems.com>
Cc: "qrpforum" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33720] Pixie/40-9er contest - SMiTe
Message-ID: <199712270341.WAA24208@mailhost.infi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Randy,

Can I assume that Knightlite SMiTe contacts are in the same category as Pixies and 40-9ers? There are only about three SMiTes in existance right

now, so this is not a big issue, but since I'm running one as a sort of test, I need to know.

Just made 4 contacts tonight -this is a tough contest, and I was only on the air about 1/2 time. Made 3 with my NW40 at 5W, and one with my SMiTe at 150mW. However, the SMiTe contact was with NQ2RP, good for 20 big ones!

Getting used to operating with no sidetone is an experience. The key clicks have a pattern that can be followed - but it's hard to have confidence that I sent what I meant to send.

CUL,
Bob Kellogg, AE4IC, Greensboro, NC
Prolably, but not nececelery. -- Benny Hill

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 20:41:33 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33721] Re: Clubs doing Pixie Contest
Message-ID: <199712270341.UAA22734@usr02.primenet.com>

Ho Ho Ho to all,

Randy (WJ4P) wrote:

>

> So far the list of confirmed clubs running stations during the
> Pixie/49er contest are:

Please add NQ7RP (the AZ ScQRPions) to the list -
we got a late start, but tonight Kent AB70A will
put NQ7RP on the air for a bit. Just came from
his QTH and saw the Pixie he just finished up,
not sure if he'll be using that or the OHR though. ;-)

ScQRPion Brian (W5VB0) is on tonight, but hasn't
had much luck on 40m tonight (one hour and nary
a Pixie/49er QSO in the log), so hopefully condx
on 40m will get better tomorrow!

Good luck all! Hope to toss my call it too, if I
get a spare moment. In the meantime, Kent sent
me home with some homebrew tamales. Yum. :-)

Ho Ho Ho de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"Dashing through the snow, with a two-stage superhet..."

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 97 03:51:28
From: "KA5T Larry Wise" <lewise@inetport.com>
To: "qrp" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33722] Pixie/40-9er Test
Message-ID: <199712270355.VAA18363@admin.inetport.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well Gang didn't do much here in Texas....Worked WQ6RP on 7040.91
about 0133Z....couldn't catch any others...

Using the Kenwood TS450 at about 4 1/2 watts....vertical antenna...

Heard the following stations between 0100z and 0200z around 7040
with the indicated readout: (Probably not all in the test, but looked like
QRP sigs...)

39.45 ?1MG - chirpy - only chirp heard all night... Mike, that you???
29.70 WQ4RP NC ? Thought I copied WQ5RP, but then heard NC so...?
39.54 NF0Z
39.64 W5VBO
38.86 WQ4RP
38.93 W6HEA
41.38 WA1V/4 & W2JSF in QSO
41.20 WB8NYV
40.91 WQ6RP Paul - Worked him
42.08 W2XWQ ?
37.72 K8QR/C
38.90 AA0B
38.90 K0EFZ
????? W0SKI/6
42.34 KT4QD
41.39 VE3SP in QSO with or calling WB5GDB
39.70 AE4IC
41.12 WJ1V/4 Tony Ft Myers Fl
43.82 K8YWT

Didn't hear much on 80.. A few non contest QSOs....AND WQ6RP

Heard these between 0200z and 0224z:

3686.34 WQ6RP
???? ?0ur de W0KQC

Listened for Novices around 7.122 ... only heard two.. Couldn't tell if they were in the test or not.....

16.97 KE6NHO
19.16 KN6KK

There was a 30 over broadcast station at 7125 on my dial...Modulation took everything out for a couple of KHZ below that.....

We need a clue as to who is running the Pixies and 40-9ers and such... How about those operators signing with their rig code when calling CQ so we can pick them out....Or howabout every one in the test signing with their rig code when calling CQ so we can see who to work?????

Whatsa????

Larry

Larry KA5T lewise@inetport.com Georgetown, Texas

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 22:57:25 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:aa4xx@amsat.org" <aa4xx@amsat.org>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33723] Re: Pixie/49'er Contest -WQ4RP
Message-ID: <199712262259_MC2-2D45-AB1@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Paul:

Well you had the best signal by far. Heard you consistently for the full 2 hours. The 49er is the same one I used recently to snag the FOX, so guess it is a good one :-).

Output tonight was about 440 mw (measured on OHR WM-1) to a brand new 66-foot doublet fed with 450-ohm ladder line, up at 27'. Just got it up there this afternoon in time for the Pixie event.

Will be using a Pixie-II tomorrow evening for variety's sake. Expect to run it at 300 mw if it will do it. Have some spare finals, just in case. So watch out for my killer signal then <VBG>!

Thanks for digging me out of the mess tonight. Really tough copy here most of the evening. Would have QSYed to 80...except don't have Pixie for it. So stuck with 40. Oh well.

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqz 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
nj-qrp 69 ak/qrp 139 AR QRP 73 ARCI 9398 ARRL QRP WAS 44/42
DXCC 73/44 Grid EN34 <>< FOX Total 12/24/97 = 21. The FOX 11/25/97.

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Mercury Paddles Emtech ZM-1 MFJ 259 MFJ 941D Matchbox GAP
TNT/2 Windom SLV/W6MMA G5RV Timewave 599zx Autek QF-1 RS DSP-40

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Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 22:57:29 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: Joel Malman <malman@BBN.COM>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ"
<70511.3041@compuserve.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33724] pixie contest
Message-ID: <199712262259_MC2-2D45-AB2@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Joel:

Sorry 'bout that. Condx poor here, also :-(. Managed 10 QSO's...but did not hear the NE USA at all. Worked one OH, but nothing else east of MS River.

Rig was actually 49er at 450 mw to new doublet fed with 450-ohm ladder line at 27'. Oh well, there is always tomorrow night :-).

72/73,

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Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 23:17:31 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:nq2rp@juno.com" <nq2rp@juno.com>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ"
<70511.3041@compuserve.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33725] NQ2RP Pixie/40-9er Log: Friday Nite
Message-ID: <199712262320_MC2-2D45-B4D@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Keith:

Listened for you...but no luck here. Only really heard one station east
of the Mississippi River. Wow!--must for sure be a curtain over it most
of the time :-(. Oh well.

Rig tonight was 49er at 450 mw. Tomorrow I plan to use a Pixie-II at a
monstrous 300 milliwatts. Be careful and have your hand on the RF gain.
Don't want to hurt your hearing :-). Good luck.

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqz 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
nj-qrp 69 ak/qrp 139 AR QRP 73 ARCI 9398 ARRL QRP WAS 44/42
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TNT/2 Windom SLV/W6MMA G5RV Timewave 599zx Autek QF-1 RS DSP-40

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Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 23:17:35 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:n7kt@earthlink.net" <n7kt@earthlink.net>, QRP-L Discussion Group
<QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [33726] N0EL Op
Message-ID: <199712262320_MC2-2D45-B4E@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Roger:

Many thanks for the QSO(s). Will send QSL--just can't pass up this one :-). Your signal was really up and down. Sometimes it was 579, other times you disappeared, then popped back up. At any rate, thanks for bringing this call back up for those of us who missed you earlier.

Happy Holidays. Be safe!

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqc 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
nj-qrp 69 ak/qrp 139 AR QRP 73 ARCI 9398 ARRL QRP WAS 44/42
DXCC 73/44 Grid EN34 <>< FOX Total 12/24/97 = 21. The FOX 11/25/97.

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Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 23:17:40 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:ae4ic@nr.infi.net" <ae4ic@nr.infi.net>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33727] Pixie/40-9er contest - SMiTe
Message-ID: <199712262320_MC2-2D45-B4F@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Bob:

Well guess our QSO was one of the four tonight. Thanks for dropping by. Took me a little while to dig you out with the 49er receiver. Little dude is a dogged sucker, but in the mess tonight it was a real trick.

Thanks for digging me out. Was running (strolling?!) 450 mw to a new 66-foot doublet fed with 450-ohm ladder line, up at 27 Feet. Tomorrow I plan to fire up the 300 mw Pixie-II. Good luck, and will watch for you then.

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-1 861 norcal 2050 cqc 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
nj-qrp 69 ak/qrp 139 AR QRP 73 ARCI 9398 ARRL QRP WAS 44/42
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TNT/2 Windom SLV/W6MMA G5RV Timewave 599zx Auttek QF-1 RS DSP-40

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Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 04:51:22 +0000
From: k5zty@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33728] Pixie II problem
Message-ID: <19971227.050859.6350.0.k5zty@juno.com>

G.E to the Group,

I would appreciate it if one of the experts on Pixie IIs could tell me what's happening to make my Pixie receive 1khz below the transmit frequency. It would be nice if it was 1khz up. No RIT and no mods. Well, one mod. I had to put a resistor and capacitor to ground on the pin 5 output of the LM386 to keep it from motorboating.

Thanks,
Bill K5ZTY
Houston, TX
k5zty@juno.com

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 23:31:07 -0500

From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:lewise@inetport.com" <lewise@inetport.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group
<QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [33729] Pixie/40-9er Test
Message-ID: <199712262333_MC2-2D4A-33C@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Larry:

I heard you early, then never again. You were 549 at the time. Hoped to snag you, but wasn't to be ;^(.

Rig here was 49er at 450 mw out. Antenna was brand new doublet fed with 450-ohm ladder line at 27'. Believe it is superior to the TNT/2 Windom. But may take it down anyway, because the GAP "sees" it...at least the ladder line. Oh well.

Hope to work you tomorrow evening. Will change to the 300 mw Pixie-II. Be sure to protect your hearing from this monster signal! Good luck.

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqz 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
nj-qrp 69 ak/qrp 139 AR QRP 73 ARCI 9398 ARRL QRP WAS 44/42
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Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 23:38:34 EST
From: nilsbull@juno.com
To: QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33730] CDs vs books, libraries & coffee tables &c
Message-ID: <19971227.002040.7807.2.nilsbull@juno.com>

Gang,

I'll try to make this short. Bob Roach said " I can't count the number of times I have been looking for one thing and ran across something

completely different that caught my interest and taught me something new at the same time."

Same here bigtime. A skill I learned from my father, who I found one morning having poured over a copy of the Talmud (translated, of course), some Kipling, two dictionaries & a collection of Omar Khayyam (as if we didn't know, right?). Once you go out to find something, it will lead you astray like one neuron mis-firing in the frontal lobe of a psychotic: tangential knowledge.

CDs are great for quick fix research, but flippin' through the pages of a book usually leads me to more stuff than I originally wanted to know. Which is why I'm hell on wheels in Web search land: "Oh, that looks cool . . . let's see that" . . . and thus end up hundreds of neurons away from the original thought (as if I have any).

Problem with Web stuff is that it's getting to be too much like electronic coffee table books. Something to impress the neighbors but pretty much nada between the covers.

Which makes on-line libraries another chore.

Books you don't get dead batteries with. And they are much better reading in the outhouse . . .

Thirty was exceptional for about 20 minutes this morning. Up at 6 to turn off my youngest's alarm clock . . . Quiet as it gets and a couple Qs.

73

Nils

WB8IJN &c

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 23:31:12 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:vole@primenet.com" <vole@primenet.com>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>, QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33731] Re: Clubs doing Pixie Contest
Message-ID: <199712262333_MC2-2D4A-33D@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Joe:

Well missed you tonight. Had my monster 49er signal pounding the ionosphere unmercifully at 450 milliwatts out. Antenna = new 66-foot doublet fed with 450-ohm ladder line, at 27'.

Tomorrow watch out for sure!--will field the Pixie Ii at 300 mw to the doublet again. Here's hoping condx are much improved over tonight :-).

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqc 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
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Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 21:17:42 -0800
From: "Paul Carreiro, N6EV" <n6ev@badger1.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33732] WQ6RP Pixie/40-9er Friday Results
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19971226211741.006acf04@mail.badger1.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Friday
Call - WQ6RP
Operator - Paul, N6EV
Rig - Kenwood TS-690SAT @ 5W
Antenna - R7000 @ 30Ft, 135ft Doublet @ 40ft

Stations worked / Rig
AE4IC / NW
KA5T / KW
KJ5MG / 5B ?? dunno, not in the rig list
AA0B / KW
AB7HI / TT
WQ4RP / SA
AL7FS / IL
W6BAB / OH
K0EVZ / 49

QSO's not competed due to QSB: WA1QVM, KX7L, WE6W

All stations worked on or around 7.040 with the exception of AL7FS on 7.122.
Nothing heard on 80 mtrs despite calling on all listed freqs and 3.57945.
Good sprinkling of QRP rigs represented.. but where were the 49ers/Pixies?
I was about to give up hope until the very last minute (literally); worked
Doc's FB 49er signal.

Will be on again tomorrow.. cycling through each frequency.
Anyone on 3.57945, the color bust xtal freq?

72/ZUT! Paul N6EV

Paul F. Carreiro - N6EV - ex-N6HCS - El Camino Village, CA
mailto:n6ev@badger1.net - <http://www.qsl.net/n6ev/>
QRP - Boatanchors - Glowbugs - Mobile CW - QRQ +45WPM - ZUT!
NorCal #367 - QRP-L #236 - QRP ARCI #8885 - FISTS #1407
SCQS #1 - Southern California QRP Society - WQ6RP
Zuni Loop Mountain Expeditionary Force (QRP Field Day) - K6ZNI

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 23:36:39 -0600 (CST)
From: "Phillips Richard" <phillips@msoe.edu>
To: Donald E Sanders <w4bws@juno.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33733] Re: Books vs CDs
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.96.971226233120.10355A-100000@torres.msoe.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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414-277-7388, phillips@msoe.edu

On Fri, 26 Dec 1997, Donald E Sanders wrote:

> The Call Books were the first to go , it's only a matter of time till
> others follow. Save the trees, use up the oil?

Cd's are good for databases such as the call book, IC data, etc. I would
rather have a paper copy of a magazine such as QST. I can carry it with
me and read it any time, anywhere I please and it's batterys never go
dead. So I guess both have thier respective places and usefullness. So

lets shut about it, OK?

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 21:45:42 -0900
From: "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy (KL7NY), Juliann (WL7MP) & Issei" <larsennnc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33734] AL7FS scores massive success! :-)
Message-ID: <34A4A416.11B9@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Subject: WQ6RP Pixie/40-9er Friday Results
From: "Paul Carreiro, N6EV" <n6ev@badger1.net>
Friday Call - WQ6RP Operator - Paul, N6EV
Stations worked / Rig
AL7FS / IL
All stations worked on or around 7.040 with the exception of AL7FS on
7.122. 72/ZUT! Paul N6EV

Paul and QRP-L folks,

Do you have any idea how excited I get over one 40 meter contact? Very!

Thank you, Paul, for the 5 minute effort on the QSO and for not giving up. Get the picture....I forgot that I have the Kenwood out of the line-up.... I know the code for the Kenwood..... I call you and I am madly trying to remember the rig code for my Index Labs QRP+.....I am sending "Index"....you're not getting it....I dash madly for the computer in the other end of the house....where is that email from Randy....got it....code is IL....run madly to the other end of the house....commence madly sending IL as you already had the name ok.....RRR...made it!!! Hot dog!!!

Thus ends the run of success for the evening. 1/2 QSO per hour....kinda wears me out. :-)

Maybe tomorrow.

By the way, I had 2 extra S-units of QRN from 7.037 to 7.0425 so I tended to call CQ at about 7.043-7.0455. The QRN was the reason I went up to 7.122. There was even less QRN at 7.122 than I had at 7.045. For what it's worth.

73, Jim, AL7FS

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Jim Larsen
ex-WA0LPK, 2mtr WAS #36
Acupressure Anchorage
ECKANKAR
Anchorage, Alaska

Date: Fri, 26 Dec 1997 23:11:16 -0900
From: "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy (KL7NY), Juliann (WL7MP) & Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33735] BuzzNot in OHR100
Message-ID: <34A4B824.9FE@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Has anyone put a BuzzNot in their OHR100? I recently bought a 40 mtr OHR100 and I feel a NB would be a good thing for my needs.

Comments? Instructions? Concerns?

And thanks.

73, Jim, AL7FS

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Jim Larsen
Acupressure Anchorage
Anchorage, Alaska

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 03:33:00 -0700
From: Jess Gypin <jessqrp@concentric.net>
To: larsennc@alaska.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33736] Iphone and freinds
Message-ID: <34A4D95C.3356@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi there,

I have had my Iphone link up and running again and I talked to a ham in Anchorage that knows you. His call is KL7M and he has a Iphone internet

link hooked up to his repeater. I have no idea what the freq is of the repeater. He said that he knows you but that he thought that you were not very active. When I told him about all of the QRP work that you were doing I think that he was suprised! If you think that you can hit whatever repeater that he has setup on Iphone, it would be fun to talk on night. Heck, if you wanted, I could hook you up on the repeater that we have the local QRP net on and have you check in, that would pop a few corks!

Best

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Jess N0TFI <><

<http://www.concentric.net/~jessqrp>

qrp-1 #1232 CQC #92 1997 Fox

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 05:34:05 EST
From: DaveLeDuc <DaveLeDuc@aol.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33737] WTB: HWA-9 WARC band kit for HW-9
Message-ID: <d208c243.34a4d99f@aol.com>
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I'm looking for a HWA-9 Accessory band pack
to upgrade my HW-9 for the WARC bands.
Please email price.
73 de Dave K1EPJ

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 08:32:02 EST
From: kq0i@juno.com (Mark R Milburn)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33738] Pixie - 1st night
Message-ID: <19971227.073036.5247.0.KQ0I@juno.com>

Guess it's safe to say that last night will not be one of the best three. Worked WQ4RP as soon as the bell rang, and it fell off dramatically after that....fought off several QRO non-entrants who wanted to chat, and could hear a few trying hard away-way-way back there, but all in all a terrible defeat for the forces of Iowa. Next time, I said, as I turned off the lights.

72 Mark

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 08:51:01 -0800
From: Randy Hargenrader <randyh@harksystems.com>
To: Bob Kellogg <ae4ic@nr.infi.net>
Cc: qrpforum <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33739] Re: Pixie/40-9er contest - SMiTe
Message-ID: <34A531F4.46485FF9@harksystems.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Since the SMiTe is a Pixie derivative I deem that they
be included in the Pixie category.
Go forth and radiate!

BTW, I used the 89er and the 49er last night and worked 2
club stns, 2 49ers, and 2 others and garnered 52 points before
spc multipliers! I notice LOTS of activity! I'll be
WQ4RP tonite. Are we having fun yet!?

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73, Randy WJ4P
Knighlites QRP-L #296

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 08:57:12 EST
From: ARDUJENSKI <ARDUJENSKI@aol.com>
To: randyh@harksystems.com, owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33740] Re: Pixie/40-9er contest - SMiTe
Message-ID: <412f0662.34a5093a@aol.com>
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Randy,
Pau really put out a nice signal last nite all the way here in WWA. Be looking
for U...
Alan KB7MBI/AG/qrp

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 09:14:59 -0800
From: Randy Hargenrader <randyh@harksystems.com>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33741] Pixie Contest Clarifications
Message-ID: <34A53793.54B52400@harksystems.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi gang,

Based on the posts, it would seem to be a mixed bag.

I managed to work 6 stns, 2 clubs, 2 49ers, 2 others.

My thanks to the club stations for handing out the multi's.

Now for two clarifications:

1) You are permitted (and encouraged) to work the same stations each night.

2) DO append your rig code to your call occasionally. It will help the rest of us identify the Pixies and 49ers...

(I would append /89 or /49 on my call while calling CQ.)

I heard lots of activity. I spent abt an hour and 15 minutes on 80, mostly on 3.686.4.

Thanks for the participation gang...

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73, Randy WJ4P

Knightlites QRP-L #296

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 14:22:44 +0000
From: Bob Roach <KE4QOK@worldnet.att.net>
To: bruce muscolino <w6toy@pop.erols.com>, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33742] Re Re: QSLing Newbie Question from an Old Guy
Message-ID: <19971227142241.AAA20726@LOCALNAME>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 11:29 AM 12/27/97 +0000, you wrote:

>countries in this world where you must account for foreign currency. I
>would suggest you use International Reply Coupons (IRCs) instead. They can
>be obtained at any US Post Office (or foreign post office, for that matter)

I would modify this slightly. In my town IRC's are available, but, not at EVERY post office. Replies to inquiries varied from "what?" to "You have to go to the office at.....".

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73 es TNX Advanced, W5YI/ARRL VE, QRP-L#1264, AR QRP#83
KE4QOK KE4QOK@worldnet.att.net

Bob ke4qok@juno.com

136 Hermitage Road
Newport News, VA 23606
(757)930-0348

When the student is ready.....
The teacher will appear.

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 09:26:58 -0500
From: Michael Neverdosky <MichaelN@cycat.com>
To: qrp-l mailing list <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33743] Pixie/40-9er results
Message-ID: <34A51032.BE82B5B8@cycat.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Another blistering 1/2 QSO/hour rate! :-)

I worked WQ4RP near 7040 early in the contest.
Then I heard a few stations but was unable to pick anyone
out well enough to get a full callsign or exchange.

I'm pretty sure I heard Randy on both 40m and 80m but all
I could get for sure was WJ.

I need more practice copying through QRM and QSB.

The lightning noise was fairly heavy on 80m but not so
bad on 40m here. On 40m SW broadcast overloading my poor
little HW-8 was a ongoing problem. :-)

Call; KF4CMU/C
Operator; Mike N6CHV
Rig; HW-8
Antenna; near vertical, random wire, about 85', with MFJ-949E tuner or
40m dipole at about 20'

Tonight I will try calling on 7122 early before moving to 7040 and 80m.

michael N6CHV

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 09:29:16 -0800
From: Randy Hargenrader <randyh@harksystems.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33744] Clubs Doing Pixie Contest
Message-ID: <34A53AEC.8C3BED92@harksystems.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Here's an updated list of club stations operating
in the Pixie/49er Contest:
K8QR W8FT NF2AR NQ2RP WQ6RP WQ4RP KF4CMU NQ7RP
Keep your ears peeled for them. They're "valuable"!
--
73, Randy WJ4P
Knightlites QRP-L #296

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 10:01:25 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ"
<70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [33745] Pixie/49er Last Evening
Message-ID: <199712271002_MC2-2D4C-E13F@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

The first evening was really fun here. Thanks to everyone who dropped
by. Guess the 49er's monster ear-splitting signal was a beacon :-).

Very sorry if I missed anyone. Some QSB made it impossible to enough to
complete a QSO. Sometimes couldn't hear long or well enough even to dig
out a complete call :-(. AE4IC must have thought I was nuts!--took four
or five exchanges before he went in the log.

Setup last evening was a 49er (built by Jim N0UR--thanks) at 450 mw out
to the TNT/2 Windom at 27'. Had hoped to raise it to 40 feet, but no
luck yet. Hopefully today, though. <Fingers crossed>. Used OHR WM-1 to
measure output. Picture this--Mercury paddles and MFJ keyer ->49er :-).

Expecting to be back this evening. Planning to fire up the Pixie-II.
Warning--have your hand right on the RF gain control, to protect your

ears from it's monster 300 mw signal.

BTW, had three potential hams in my shack. They found it fascinating, even though their CW is barely underway. Thanks for coming back. Would have been a long evening otherwise! Hope to see you again tonite.

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqz 414 ARS 311 FISTS 3868 mn-qrp 19
nj-qrp 69 ak/qrp 139 AR QRP 73 ARCI 9398 ARRL QRP WAS 44/42
DXCC 73/44 Grid EN34 <>< FOX Total 12/24/97 = 21. The FOX 11/25/97.

Omni V Corsair I Yaesu 900AT Sierra Norcal 40a SW-40 49er
Mercury Paddles Emtech ZM-1 MFJ 259 MFJ 941D Matchbox GAP
TNT/2 Windom SLV/W6MMA G5RV Timewave 599zx Auttek QF-1 RS DSP-40

"Things should be as simple as possible, but no simpler"--A. Einstein

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 07:04:38 -0800 (PST)
From: jayboy@empnet.com (Jay & Jackie)
To: QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33746] Info
Message-ID: <199712271504.HAA15742@empnet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Help....After a year on the list you would think I would have picked up a few of the shortcuts....I have not...I'm ok with FYI (I watch TV), but BTW (?) and how about someone defining the other two or three that are most commonly used?

Ask me a Q Signal, I can handle those.

Thanks and 73

Jay, W6JDB/7 Bend, OR.....Enjoying the holidays

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 10:10:08 EST
From: N8mgu <N8mgu@aol.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33747] Pixie-2 Construction

Message-ID: <8d559a7d.34a51a52@aol.com>
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I am almost finished constructing my Pixie-2, and I am confused. The instructions say that a small piece of RG-174 coax is needed for the antenna connection. Where is this needed? Does this go from the board to the antenna jack? Also, I am confused as to the installation of the final resistor (R5) on the trace-side of the board. What does it mean that the leads should "fly off the board"? Does this mean that they should not be clipped short at the point of solder?

I just need these two items defined, and then I can get on the air with my Pixie-2. Thanks. Larry Mittman (N8MGU) - Cleveland, Ohio

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 09:14:46 -0600 (CST)
From: george fremin iii <geoiii@bga.com>
To: jayboy@empnet.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33748] Re: Info
Message-ID: <199712271514.JAA04161@zoom.bga.com>
Content-Type: text

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BTW

By The Way

OB>(?) and how about someone defining the other two or three that are most
>commonly used?

What are they?

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George Fremin III
Austin, Texas
K5TR (ex.WB5VZL)
512/416-7010
geoiii@bga.com
<http://www.kkn.net/~k5tr>

"You give me a \$10,000 custom guitar
and Chet Atkins a \$200 discount
store special, and who do you think
will make better music?"
-- Lee AA4GA

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 07:30:21 -0800 (PST)
From: jayboy@empnet.com (Jay & Jackie)
To: QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33749] LOL Got'em thanks.
Message-ID: <199712271530.HAA16703@empnet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

FWIW IMHO I can now converse....thanks all

Jay, W6JDB/7

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 08:52:00 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33750] Laptop help wanted
Message-ID: <34A4C1B0.8AD0C0A7@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A little off-topic, but I need some help here.

My kids want to trade me an NEC Ultralite Versa/25 laptop for a 486 desktop I have. As kids will do, they don't seem to be able to find the documentation or software.

After purchasing a new battery, I find the following message when I try to boot up: Invalid configuration information - please run Auto SETUP.

I'm assuming it requires a configuration disk.

If you have one of these machines, pse reply. I'd be happy to pay for a copy of the config disk, or whatever it takes to get it running.

Looks like it might be a good machine for QTTF, QRPAfield, FD, etc. or even dedicated shack use.

Any help or info would be appreciated.

Pse respond off-list. TIA, de Roger, N7KT

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 11:07:05 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>, "Doc W.D. Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [33751] Headsup--17M open to EU
Message-ID: <199712271109_MC2-2D4C-E38E@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

17 Metres is wide open to Europe. Just snagged Netherlands and Luxemborg with 5 watts (Yaesu 900AT to GAP Titan DX). Plus there are lots more... Go get 'em guys.

Never really worked 17 Metres until recently. Used to fight it out on 20 Metres, with some success. But now I at least check 17 occasionally. When it is open...it is really open :-). Good luck.

72/73,

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Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 09:12:30 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33752] Re: LOL Got'em thanks.
Message-ID: <199712271612.JAA13467@usr01.primenet.com>

Jay (W6JDB/7) wrote:

>
> FWIW IMHO I can now converse....thanks all

Though YMMV. TTFN! :)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"If it ain't fun, you ain't doin' it right!" -The AZ ScQRPions

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 09:28:35 -0800
From: Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>
To: lewise@inetport.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33753] Re: Pixie/40-9er Test
Message-ID: <34A53AC3.5BF2@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

KA5T Larry Wise wrote:

>
> Well Gang didn't do much here in Texas....Worked WQ6RP on 7040.91
> about 0133Z....couldn't catch any others...
>
> Using the TT Argosy II at 5 W and either phased 40M Butternuts, Butternut HF-2
or 80M 1 wavelength horizontal loop. I heard the following stations
between
0100z and 0200z. After that time period, the band was so long that I
really
couldn't hear but a small handful of stations across the 40M band.

I periodically tuned down to 80m to both of the frequencies that were
suggested by Randy,
but never heard a single participant. I tried at least once to work
these
stations, but never was able to work a SINGLE station. I tried every
trick
in my book, DSP filter, called CQ many times.

My only explanation is that the RX's in the little rigs didn't quite

perform
as well as the TT.

I'll try again tonight.

Am I discouraged. No! I was thoroughly amazed That I was able to copy
these
rigs, most running less than 1 watt, at all.

WQ4RP NC Very nice signal on peaks
W6HEA
WQ6RP
K0EFZ
KA5T Nice signal, tried several times
KJ5TF Heard him well, called many times
WQ0RP Tried 4 times
WE6W Heard Ed many times too, called many times
AC6LA

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Brian Kassel W5VB0
ARCI # 3623
Phoenix AZ ScQRPions

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 11:30:50 EST
From: nq2rp@juno.com (B/BAMS Club Station)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33754] 80 Mtrs, 40 Mtrs and Swamps
Message-ID: <19971227.112946.4727.1.nq2rp@juno.com>

I jokingly refer to the village of Bergen being in "the Depths of the Great Bergen Swamp", and I didn't realize how accurate I was. I was looking at an early 19th century map of the area, and the whole village, except for the hill at the cemetary WAS a swamp. It's all reclaimed land!

Onn 80 and 40 Meters, I have always gotten out far better than my power and/or simple antennae would indicate. "You're NOT reall running QRP!!", is a common reply on those bands. I even run the traffic nets on QRP...

Ground conductivity is great out here, not as good as a nice salt marsh down on the shores of Niantic Bay (CT), or in the cantonment on "Beutiful Downtown Diego Garcia, the Armpit of the Indian Ocean...", where I ran WB2VU0/VQ9C for a year, but not bad...

Lou, KA2DQA lives a mile or so west of me. He observes the same thing when operating QRP. The Brockport Amateur Radio Klub (BARK) has run Field Day from the Swamp for the last 4 years, as K2DB, KB2UFY and K2BRK and Gram, the Batavia, NY club ran Field Day in the swamp for a couple of years. 80 & 40 are good to up here in the Swamp.

Even the 89'ers and Pixies were "Big Rig" strong last nite. Looking forward to 40 Meters tonite, and I hope that Lou can put the club call on from his Swampy site on Monday or Tuesday...

See you all on 7040/7122 tonite...

72/73, Keith, WB2VUO at the keys at B/BAMS
NQ2RP - QRP-L # 1294,
Byron/Bergen Amateur Microwaves System Club Station
Listen for our 10 Mtr Milliwatting Beacon: 125 mW @ 28.287 MHz
"Our night light runs more power than our Rig!!!"

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 11:30:50 EST
From: nq2rp@juno.com (B/BAMS Club Station)
To: 70511.3041@compuserve.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33755] Re: NQ2RP Pixie/40-9er Log: Friday Nite
Message-ID: <19971227.112946.4727.0.nq2rp@juno.com>

Hi Doc. Keith here at the club...

I was operating NQ2RP on 80 Meters only last nite. Tonite is 40 Meters, starting out on 7040 kHz (or thereabouts) and checking the Novice band also.

I will be on with the same Ten Tec Triton IV (the one with the HEXFET final), and the 80/40 Inverted Vee up 40 ft.

See you then. I am also posting this to the list for the rest of the gang on 40 Meters.

BONUS POINTS ALL AROUND!!

72/73, Keith, WB2VUO at the keys at B/BAMS
NQ2RP - QRP-L # 1294,
Byron/Bergen Amateur Microwaves System Club Station
Listen for our 10 Mtr Milliwatting Beacon: 125 mW @ 28.287 MHz

"Our night light runs more power than our Rig!!!"

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 09:41:49 -0800
From: Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>
To: n7kt@earthlink.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33756] Re: Laptop help wanted
Message-ID: <34A53DDD.17FB@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Roger Hightower wrote:

> After purchasing a new battery, I find the following message when I try
> to boot up: Invalid configuration information - please run Auto SETUP.
>
> I'm assuming it requires a configuration disk.

Roger et All:

I had a very similar problem with my Compaq LTE LITE 25.
Do a search on the WWW. I'll bet that the Config disk is
available as a downloaded file, probably from the NEC site.
Also, you might try hitting F-10 during bootup. It MAY
get you to the setup ROM info.
As a Bonus, the manufacturer sites often have free utilites
for their past machines.

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Brian Kassel W5VB0
ARCI # 3623
Phoenix AZ ScQRPions

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 11:14:51 -0600
From: Ed Manuel <n5em@flash.net>
To: "'qrp-1@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: "'k5bdz@aol.com'" <k5bdz@aol.com>, "'daveb@hal-pc.org'" <daveb@hal-pc.org>,
"'n5lco@amsat.org'" <n5lco@amsat.org>,
"'pierce@rice.edu'" <pierce@rice.edu>, "'HATS@stevens.com'"
<HATS@stevens.com>
Subject: [33757] Houston QRP Club Meeting - January 17, 1998

Message-ID: <01BD12B8.BC97F680@houasc19-167.flash.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

QRPers of the area, UNITE!

This is the second announcement of the first meeting of the Houston QRP = Club. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17, 1998 from 9 AM = to 11 AM with lunch to follow at a nearby restuarant for those who care = to stay.

The location will be my office conference room, 5718 Westheimer at = Bering Street (one block west of Chimney Rock), Suite 970. Plenty of = free parking in the garage (please remember to remove your big mobile = antennas). I will be monitoring the 146.700 (- offset) repeater for = anyone who needs directions and who works QRP that high.

We will be discussing what we want in a local club so this is the chance = to come have your input!

As mentioned in the first announcement, there will be a free gift for = everyone who attends - a 2W audio amplifier kit courtesy of the St. = Louis QRP Club and K5BDZ.

Also there will be a special prize for the person traveling the farthest = to attend the meeting. Someone in Austin is making noise about winning = that one.

If you would like to make a presentation on some favorite subject, = please email me. We have good presentation tools at work.

There will be coffee and pastries so you can even sleep late and still = have a fine morning of total immersion QRP. Please RSVP via email so = that I know how many hungry QRPers to expect.

By all means, bring your latest QRP project to show and tell.

And remember, if you are one of those who die for low club member = numbers, you'll kick yourself if you aren't there! Bill and I will = fight over #1 and #2. Glen will want PI. But everything else is fair = game :-)

So be there! Pass the word on to the unconnected in all the area clubs.

72 from Houston
Ed Manuel, N5EM
n5em@amsat.org

n5em@flash.net

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 17:19:38 -0500
From: "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33758] New Year's Resolutions
Message-ID: <3.0.16.19971227062336.2edf573a@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I will build my other 38S in 1998.

I will not drop my call more than once in a pileup.

I will hand pick all the solder out of the carpet in the shack.

I will hang out at the Days Inn South in May, and only take
one credit card with me to the arena.

I will not quote in my email replies.

I will make my signature file smaller.

I will finally get to scan in all the neat shack pix, and put them
on the web page.

I will use the earplugs my wife bought me last year while playing
drums.

I will increase my station ERP without increasing output power.

Happy New Year, and gl wid QRP/p...Rich

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 17:37:19 -0500
From: "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33759] FOX: KA8OKH Log

Message-ID: <3.0.16.19971227173627.087f537a@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Here's the log for Dec 23. Thanks to all who hung in there,
despite the conditions on my end of the circuit. Please report
any errors to me... Rich

#	call	utc	rcvd	st	name	nr
01	K10J	0102	559	TX	OJ	732
02	K2VCO	0103	559	CA	VIC	725
03	K1MG	0104	559	CA	MIKE	614
04	K5ZTY	0105	559	TX	BILL	473
05	NQ7X	0106	559	AZ	FLOYD	343
06	W5HNS	0107	569	TX	HENRY	178
07	W5SB	0108	569	TX	BILL	1279
08	KU7Y	0109	559	NV	MONTE	17
09	N7VE	0112	559	AZ	DAN	696
10	AA5TA	0113	559	TX	LARRY	1245
11	VE5RC	0114	559	SK	BRUCE	886
12	W6SU	0115	559	CA	JOHN	483
13	KI7MN	0117	559	AZ	BOB	17
14	K5OI	0118	559	NM	TIM	73
15	N6MM	0119	559	CA	HARVEY	318
16	K5VUU	0121	339	TX	ED	131
17	AB5UA	0122	559	OK	CLIFF	478
18	AB7MY	0124	559	AZ	GARY	571
19	KA5T	0125	559	TX	LARRY	89
20	AB7TT	0126	559	AZ	JOE	191
21	AC6LA	0127	559	CA	DAN	515
22	VE7CQK	0127	559	BC	PAUL	20
23	KK6MC/5	0131	559	NM	JIM	411
24	KQ5U	0132	559	TX	TERRY	5W
25	N7XJW	0134	559	AZ	BERTIE	1259
26	AB0GO	0135	559	CO	DAVE	785
27	VE5WF	0137	559	SK	EARL	76
28	N9KW	0138	559	IL	JOHN	1257
29	N1TP	0139	559	FL	TOM	1317
30	KI0II	0140	559	CO	RON	928
31	WE6W	0142	559	CA	ED	1068
32	KD1JV	0143	559	NH	STEVE	5W
33	N6WG	0144	339	CA	BOB	26
34	N1QQV	0146	579	CT	KEN	400
35	AK1P	0149	559	CA	PAUL	284
36	KG2H	0150	559	NY	JIM	954
37	WA1QVM	0152	559	MA	JOEL	337
38	K1CL	0153	339	MA	CHUCK	217

qso #2 agn, vic

Melt solder!

39	KC5FMZ	0157	339	TX	BOB	910	
40	K50N	0159	559	NM	GARY	770	
41	WA6NAE	0200	559	CA	DWIGHT	5W	
42	KB7MBI	0202	339	WA	ALAN	5W	congrats on upgrade!
43	N2APB	0204	559	NJ	GEORGE	894	
44	W6BAB	0205	559	CA	HARVEY	5W	
45	K6VNX	0206	559	CA	ARLEN	5W	
46	N2WF	0207	599	NJ	BILL	955	
47	KC1FB	0208	559	CT	JIM	29	
48	W2JEK	0211	559	NJ	DON	3W	
49	KA3WMJ	0212	559	PA	KEN	355	
50	N2SMH	0214	449	NJ	DAVID	74	
51	N5ALO	0217	449	TX	BILL	15	
52	K1XS	0219	559	CT	KEN	494	
53	KI0KY	0222	599	CO	STEVE	5W	
54	WA7SSA	0225	559	ID	NIEL	119	
55	N5JI	0237	559	TX	DICK	1054	
56	N2TNN	0238	599	NJ	DEAN	560	
57	N7CQR	0240	559	OR	DAN	502	
58	W3PNL	0241	579	PA	JOE	5W	
59	K5GQ	0244	559	TX	MARK	794	
60	K5FO	0246	559	TX	CHUCK	1	numero uno
61	WA8GHZ	0248	559	TX	JACK	619	
62	N5JI	0250	339	TX	DICK	1054	
63	N3YSI	0252	559	PA	PAUL	4W	
64	KF2PH	0256	559	NY	NICK	13	
65	N6XU	0258	339	CA	STAN	66	

Rich Dailey, KA8OKH <ka8okh@som-uky.campus.mci.net>
 The KA8OKH / KB4NPI Web - <http://www.qsl.net/ka8okh>

 Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 13:07:04 EST
 From: KB9RPD <KB9RPD@aol.com>
 To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
 Subject: [33760] Re: BATTERY PACKS AND AIRLINES???
 Message-ID: <c64cc1d6.34a543ca@aol.com>
 Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
 Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Let me speak from experience...

I used to be a security guard at an airport...although about 11 years ago, I

believe the same rule applies....

Send it through the x-ray machine. If they are suspicious about it, they will inspect it...in most cases, they will ask you to operate/demonstrate the operation of the electronics...most of the radios I say we asked to see them operate...if they came with batteries or batteries were found in their baggage.

Many good security personnel will just do a routine check and a quick demo if needed. The demo is to make sure the radio is functional... i.e. it is not a dumbie radio and you add explosives later. C4 and other plastic explosives are very easily detected by well trained personnel. If a radio or electronic part were questionable, you'd see quick action and that x-ray machine shut down immediately.

Personally, I wouldn't worry about it. This message may be too late, but perhaps may help others. Most of the radios I saw were portable AM/FM radios. An amateur's radio would look questionable just because of the difference in size and the parts...etc...not the average radio a security guard sees! When you arrive at a checkpoint, approach one of the guards and explain that you have an amateur radio and offer to plug it in! They will probably ask you to put it on the conveyor and that's that. If you are up front about something, they generally will assist you in clearing your items through the check point.

During Christmas, their "attentiveness" is higher. Christmas gifts are often looked at closely!

Ted

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 13:19:08
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: ae4ic@nr.infi.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33761] Sidetone for- SMiTe
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19971227131908.11ffd3c2@mailhost.ncia.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>Getting used to operating with no sidetone is an experience. The key
>clicks have a pattern that can be followed - but it's hard to have
>confidence that I sent what I meant to send.

Hi Bob,

Run out to Radio Shack and get one of them little pizo beepers. A bit of a shrill and percing tone, but makes a very simple, quick and effective side tone. I've used them in a number of my HB rigs.

72,

Steve, KD1JV....In the White Mountains of New Hampshire

"Melt Solder"

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 13:14:13 EST
From: KB9RPD <KB9RPD@aol.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33762] Re: Beginners and QRP
Message-ID: <34d08357.34a54577@aol.com>
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

As a beginner myself, let me expand upon this thread.

I am a beginner in the whole sense of the word! I got my Tech in October of this year (1997). I am working on CW to advance to Tech+ and upgrade to General by July of 1998.

The underlying base of amateur radio is to use as low as power as possible to carry on communications. What is interesting is that you see/hear about Generals, Extras, etc. using huge antennas and many more Watts than any QRP'r. If a guy can transmit the same distance with 1 watt and another guy in the same area transmits with 200+ watts.... well, it makes me wonder. I don't have much experience as most of the hams on the airwaves...but it seems peculiar to me that if you juice up a station and spend thousands of dollars on equipment...there's no fun! Why not pick up a telephone and call someone! That's the same thing, but cheaper!

But, if I can build my own radio (or buy and inexpensive built radio) and operate and 5 W or less...or better yet, in the mW range...with my own homebrew antenna...using just a plain old battery....now THAT is fun. That's like doing it the old fashioned way!

I guess you could call me a dreamer...I don't know, I'd much rather participate (as I do now) in Civil War reenactments than watch a movie about it...Seems more fun that way! ;-)

Ted

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 10:25:03 -0800
From: David Adams <adamsclan@netgate.net>
To: QRP <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33763] So who is KL7Ms friend?
Message-ID: <34A547FF.A642444A@netgate.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just curious really...

73 de dave, n9uxu

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David J Adams, N9UXU adamsclan@netgate.net
Amateur Radio, Flow Cytometry, Digital Photography and Parrot enthusiast

<http://u1.netgate.net/~adamsclan>

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 13:25:38 EST
From: KB9RPD <KB9RPD@aol.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33764] Homebrew antennas
Message-ID: <ac62d059.34a54824@aol.com>
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hello,

I am currently doing 2M as a fledgling QRP'r. I rarely go over 2.5 watts with my HTX-202. I have had minimal luck with packet and some decent luck with repeaters (voice).

I am interested in now trying to produce a decent homebrew antenna for an apartment! My 5/8 ruber duck seems to do best. But, I want to create a decent antenna to improve my performance. I am living in a peculiarly situated townhouse...with virtually no way to extend an antenna outdoors. I have thought about a random wire antenna that hangs out the window, but I am not sure how well this will work....

I have even though about buiding a vertical dipole that hangs from the ceiling

in my study. The study is upstairs and is where most of my computer/ham time is spent.

Does anyone know of any good web pages with antenna projects? I have found some decent antenna tutors and calculation pages...but hardly any project pages.

Thanks

Ted

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 09:33:46 -0900
From: "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy (KL7NY), Juliann (WL7MP) & Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
To: adamsclan@netgate.net
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33765] Re: So who is KL7Ms friend?
Message-ID: <34A54A0A.1B1C@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

David Adams wrote:
> Just curious really...
> 73 de dave, n9uxu

Well, Dave, since you are curious I will post this to qrp-l. I wasn't sure Jess meant it to go to the reflector so I just responded to Jess.

Here it is and I am it.

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Subject: Re: Iphone and freinds
Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 05:46:49 -0900
From: "Jim (AL7FS), Nancy (KL7NY), Juliann (WL7MP) & Issei" <larsennc@alaska.net>
To: jessqrp@concentric.net

Jess Gypin wrote:
>
> Hi there,
> I have had my Iphone link up and running again

You were up at 3:30 am?

>and I talked to a ham in Anchorage that knows you. His call is KL7M

Good ole Dave Cloyd.

> and he has a Iphone internet link hooked up to his repeater. I have no idea what the freq is of the repeater. He said that he knows you but that he thought that you were not very active.

Dave is an extra class that as far as I know spends most of his time on VHF and UHF. I bought a new car a year ago and have not put a new rig in it yet.

> When I told him about all of the QRP work that you were doing I think that he was suprised! If you think that you can hit whatever repeater that he has setup on Iphone, it would be fun to talk one night.

That would be different.

> Heck, if you wanted, I could hook you up on the repeater that we have the local QRP net on and have you check in, that would pop a few corks!

Let's see....2mtr in...Inet to your QTH....2 mtr out. Yep, that would be fun. Where do you live? Colorado? Maybe then we could 2 mtr phone patch to my two cousins in the Denver area.... :-)

Please tell 20 meters to open up a bit better for me today. OK?

73, Jim, AL7FS

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Jim Larsen

Acupressure Anchorage

Anchorage, Alaska

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 12:33:35 +0000
From: Roger Hightower <n7kt@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33766] Re: Laptop help wanted
Message-ID: <34A4F59F.F40CD07F@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks to all who replied with suggestions. I have it worked out, and can use the machine now. People on the list knew more than NEC Tech Support, :-)

Now we know where the knowledge is.

Tnx agn es 72..Roger

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72/73, de Roger, N7KT

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 15:03:33 -0800
From: Randy Hargenrader <randyh@harksystems.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU, KL QRP Group <klqrp@acpub.duke.edu>
Subject: [33767] WQ4RP Pixie Contest Schedule
Message-ID: <34A58945.9C18869C@harksystems.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

WQ4RP (club call) will start out on 40 mtrs at 8pm using the "Super 49er" with the only xtal I have of 7.040. At 9pm I will then move to the various 80 mtr frequencies starting with 3.686.4 and 3560, and then 3579. I will cycle thru the 80 mtr freq's until time runs out. Major bonus points will ensue if you catch me since I will be using the 80/40-9er rig worth at least 10 points to you QRO ops and 20 points to the QRP ops and 40 points to the Pixie/89er ops!! Let the games begin!!!

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73, Randy WJ4P
Knightlites QRP-L #296

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 15:15:49 -0500 (EST)
From: "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33768] Intelligent transceiver
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.96.971227151058.21279A-100000@hercules.acsu.buffalo.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Has anyone started or completed this transceiver?

I will be starting in a few weeks with the audio board. I just got the parts together for it. (the audio board that is)

Next boards will probably be in the order presented in the book.

I have an order out to DAN's so I can take advantage of those bargains.

Has anyone ordered the crystals or motorola semiconductors yet?

73,

Jim N2GO
The Buffalo QRP CONNECTION
ARCI #9013 QRP-L #381
Life member ARRL
jskalski@acsu.Buffalo.EDU

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 97 20:06:56 UT
From: "LLOYD DEEM" <WH6CDU@classic.msn.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33769] RE: QRP as a start
Message-ID: <UPMAIL18.199712272018380980@classic.msn.com>

I agree wholehearted. I plan on running CW only for Field Day 98. Hope to hear you all on New Years Eve (SKN) .

73 and May God Bless You in 98.

Lloyd Deem wh6cdu

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU on behalf of Chuck Adams
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 1997 3:08 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: QRP as a start

Gang,

Let me add something to Mike's posting on the upgrade (N5BGZ).

1. Every year at FD and other events we see the same thing over and over again. The same people, who already know how to operate, jump right in and go at it. Everyone step back a minute and think.

Is your club doing the same thing and has become so competitive that you are not training new ops???? I hope that you are looking at the future.

2. If you remember from my posting on FD, that I did not operate a single contact. It was for this exact same reason. Let the guys who need it operating time and experience do it. Be there to encourage them and help them.
3. And the reason why a lot of new people will think that I and some others may just be too contest oriented on this group, since we do bring up the topic a lot, is just to get others involved. But, if everyone on this group from Novice to Advanced will just sit down either as a single op or go out to FD or with a group and operate any contest that is 24 hours or longer in one weekend you will be able to do the Extra code exam at 20 wpm without any problem.

What's the secret? Just plain old time and hard work, but have fun while you're doing it and the time will fly by in a hurry. If it's like sitting in the Dentist's chair to you then it will take longer or at least seem longer. :-)

We have seen postings where fellow QRP-L'ers have upgraded from the Novice/Tech+ ranks (where the numbers are small in this group to begin with) and other ranks all because they were getting on the air regularly from week to week. Same with the foxhunt and the QRP events and contests.

Again, thanks to all that have gone out this year, 1997, and made it a great one for the group and themselves. 1998 hasn't got a chance with all the things coming for this group.

FYI

Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams> adams@sgi.com

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 15:32:36 -0500
From: "John L. Carter" <jakecart@ix.netcom.com>

To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33770] Pixie/49er contest -- rough going last night :-(
Message-ID: <199712272031.0AA14498@dfw-ix14.ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi to all:

I worked the contest last night for about an hour. I could hear quite a few stations, but couldn't raise anyone. WQ6RP was strong here in the DC area. Tried to raise him -- he heard a squeak but didn't get good copy. VA to CA on my 200 milliwatt Pixie would have been very cool!!

Will try again tonight. 40m -- 7.0405 or so.

73 and Happy Holidays,

Jake [N4UY] Vienna, VA (Washington DC suburbs)

QRP-L #821, G-QRP #9557, AK/QRP #175, CQrp #46,
NJ-QRP #74, NorCal#1457, ARCI #9392, FISTS #3450

WAS QRP W/C 49/47 (need HI)

WAS QRPp W/C 11/8 (200 milliwatts on a Pixie II / MRX-40 / Tick Keyer combo)

DXCC-Pixie W/C 002/002

"...the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. That which we attain too cheap, we esteem too lightly." Thomas Paine, 12/23/1776

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 12:31:08 -0800
From: "Frank A. West" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>
To: <KB9RPD@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33771] Re: Beginners and QRP
Message-ID: <199712272042.MAA01048@italy.it.earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Ted and Welcome - Welcome - Welcome
You are just the kind of guy we are looking for.
Bright, intuitive and have learned more about QRP than you know. Enjoy

radio operation more by being a better operator.
You have to be a good operator to get that mini signal where you want it,
and in between those "Big Strappers" HIHI
You have all the right ideas, so go forth and enjoy them.

TTFN 73 Frank KE6VHM / AG
Grid Square DM13
Woodcrest, CA

QRP-L #1323 / AK/QRP #269
ICQ UIN# 1778080 ASK ME!!!

CW Forever - Have Paddle will Pound
ke6vhm@earthlink.net

> I guess you could call me a dreamer...I don't know

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 15:59:27 -0500 (EST)
From: Thom <thom@li.net>
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33772] Scope sources.
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.95.971227155614.1557A-100000@linet01>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi and happy holidays to all,

I think I'm finally ready to break down and go for an Oscilloscope.
Can someone tell me a reputable place to find one, and what features I
should look for. I'll most like be using it on a casual basis on HF rigs.

One poster a while ago suggested "Nuts and Volts" magazine, can anyone
give me a mailing address for them (I'm limited to DOS so I can't access
the Web).

Thanks in advance for your help

Tom Mc Culloch
WB2QDG

thom@li.net

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 16:29:08 -0500

From: Stephen Trier <sct@po.cwru.edu>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33773] Re: Scope sources.
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971227162908.0096dd00@pop.cwru.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Thom,

Find a friend who knows a bit about scopes, and start going to hamfests with that friend. Within a couple of hamfest trips, you should be able to find something that fits your tastes and budget.

Also, if you plan to go 'scope shopping, don't forget to bring a probe (or at least a bit of coax with an alligator clip on the end) so you can try before you buy. I learned this one the hard way! :-)

72 & 73,
Stephen

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Stephen Trier KG8IH
sct@po.cwru.edu

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 14:35:00 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: KB9RPD@aol.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33774] Re: Beginners and QRP
Message-ID: <199712272135.0AA02567@usr08.primenet.com>

Howdy,

Ted (KB9RPD) wrote:

>

> I am a beginner in the whole sense of the word! I got my Tech in October of
> this year (1997). I am working on CW to advance to Tech+ and upgrade to
> General by July of 1998.

Congrats and welcome to the hobby! Good to have you
aboard!

> The underlying base of amateur radio is to use as low as power as possible to

> carry on communications. What is interesting is that you see/hear about
> Generals, Extras, etc. using huge antennas and many more Watts than any QRP'r.
> [... SNIP ...]
> But, if I can build my own radio (or buy and inexpensive built radio) and
> operate and 5 W or less...or better yet, in the mW range...with my own
> homebrew antenna...using just a plain old battery....now THAT is fun. That's
> like doing it the old fashioned way!

Heck yeah! You don't have to spend huge amounts of \$\$\$ to be successful and have fun in ham radio! QRP makes that particularly true.

Now if your goal is to maintain daily comm with an Antarctic science station, you may well need that KW linear amp, but that's not usually the case. :)

'Course there's nothing wrong with a QRPer putting up the biggest, most efficient monster antler they can fit/afford. Remember that bit about using the lowest power possible to carry out communications. If you plan to carry that comm out with DX using QRP, particularly on the low bands, you'll want all the hardware you can get up in the air. ;-) Plus it's just plain fun to have a 599 sig using only a few watts. Reminds the world that QRP works!

You can still have a very good antenna that's HB or course. Check out the specs on a vee-beam wire antler. If you had a friend across the ocean, I'll bet a several-wavelength terminated vee-beam (or rhombic) up high would be all you needed for solid QRP comm. Good gain for just a bunch of surplus wire in the trees. 'Course my HB ground-mounted vert lets me work DX, but I'd still like to have stacked mono-banders one day. :)

I may string up two unterminated (i.e. bidirectional) vee-beams for FYBO, one aimed NE/SW, the other SE/NW. 6-8 dBd of gain ain't too shabby for strands of wire. :-)

BTW, if you really like simplicity, try mixing backpacking and QRP! A humble dipole high on a steep ridge does amazing things. :)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"If it ain't fun, you ain't doin' it right!" -The AZ ScQRPions

interfere with the FOX hunt.

Hope we can get some positive response and have a good time.

Replies direct, please, so as not to overload the list :^)

72,73

Bob KI7MN Norcal 1228, QRP-L 271, ARCI 8918, CQC 274, AKQRP 30

<http://www.dancris.com/~ki7mn>

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 22:14:29 +0000
From: Jim/NOUR <LAGESON@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [33777] Amazing QRP Opening to Europe
Message-ID: <19971227221427.AAA29607@LOCALNAME>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I,ve been doing this QRP thing awhile now but never had a morning like this (Sat. 12/27) Here is a list of the stations I logged from 1400-1700Z, It was like being a fox, I had a pileup on me, I think someone must of put me on a packet cluster in Europe, I held a freq for 3 hours. The toughest part was trying to cut the qso's short, these guys wanted to ragchew and I wanted to get to the next guy calling me. Its all started with me calling LZ1SM/QRP, he was running 500 mw to a dipole, nice 559 sig, while working him other EU stations started calling me.....

G4JZ0/QRP
GM4XQJ/QRP
HB9ATG/QRP
HB9DCL/QRP
DL2HRP/QRP
SM3CCT/QRP
G8PG/QRP
G3NIJ/QRP
OM2ZZ/QRP
G4VNL/QRP
S53BH/QRP
GM4VYE/QRP
ON5UP/QRP
DJ0GD/QRP
G4IBH/QRP
G3KKQ/QRP
DL1AUM/QRP
DL2UR/QRP-LIKE HIS CALL...

GM30XX/QRP-1 WATT

G3FNM/QRP

GM4AJV/QRP

Throw in a hand full of EU QRO stations, but the highlight was having 7X4AN/QRP (Algeria) call me, he was running 5 watts to a dipole, I told him to take the freq. and let other QRP'rs take a shot at him. I was running 5 watts to my new(old) 3 el yagi up about 40 feet.

I know I'm tooting my own little qrp horn but I just had to share this with the group, I can't remember ever having this much fun.

72's Jim N0UR

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 17:29:54 -0500 (EST)
From: Ronald Hands <rhands@hwcen.org>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [33778] RAC contest
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.96.971227172504.4484C-1000000@james.freenet.hamilton.on.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

A reminder:

The Radio Amateurs of Canada Winter Contest is on this weekend:
0000 UTC to 2359 UTC Dec. 28 (which means it starts at 7 p.m. EST this evening).

All the regular bands, plus six and two. And there's a QRP category.

Suggested frequencies: CW 25 khz up from band edge; SSB 1850, 3775, 7075, 7225, 14175, 21250, 28500.

Details should be available at www.rac.ca.

-- Ron VE3SP

Date: Sat, 27 Dec 1997 17:37:24 -0500
From: Paul Stroud <aa4xx@ipass.net>
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Hi Gang,

All I can say is "Wow!" What a turnout for the test, especially on 40M. You all have some of the best ears in the world. Here's the log for Friday night for WQ4RP/C:

----- 40M -----

0100	KQ0IK	IA	TT	Mark	
0102	KJ5MG	OK	HB	Don	
0105	K0EVZ	MN	49	Doc	569 on peaks--must be the 5 el yagi-HI!
0110	KF4CMU/C	FL	HW	Mike	
0119	KB7MBI/AG	WA	NW	AL	nice signal, quite a surprise to hr WA
0122	N0TU	CO	?	Steve	pretty lite copy
0129	K4PQC	GA	49	Phil	BIG signal
0140	WQ6RP	CA	KW	Paul	This one made my night!
0145	AC6LA	CA	KW	Dan	Boy, CA rolling in now

----- 80M (All 3686 vicinity)-----

0202	WJ4P	SC	89	Randy	Another BIG signal
0207	WA1QVM	MA	IL	Joel	
0209	WB4OFT	NC	HB	John	
0211	NQ2RP	NY	TT	Keith	

----- 40M -----

0226	KJ5TF	AR	49	Jim	Chased Jim all night; finally got him
0230	KJ5CI	OK	IL	Bill	
0233	W6BAB	CA	OH	Harvey	
0236	K5FO	TX	NC	Chuck	Good signal from Mr. Chuck
0242	VE6ZAA	AB	IC	John	Lite but solid
0248	N9DD	IN	KW	Tom	Also heard on 80M but no QSO
0250	N9RJ	IN	IL	Russ	
0255	WA1QVM	MA	IL	Joel	Only stn worked on 40 and 80

Thanks for the great fun, Gang. Sir Randy- WJ4P, Grand Master of the Contest, will be sporting the WQ4RP callsign tonight (Saturday). Here's wishing you a full logsheet for tonight's round. And Doc, turn off the amplifier on that 49'er so the rest of us poor stiff's will have a chance. :-)

72 es GL to all,

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The logs for both of my Fox runs are on our web page
for your perusal. A corrected Dec 23 log will be placed
there after I post it on the list.

...Rich

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